detecting alert events on a client using a platform independent agent integrated with said client;

reporting detected alert events by said platform independent agent to a remote alert proxy in a platform independent manner complemented by a platform type;

obtaining an identifier from the reported detected alert events; and

translating said reported alert events to platform specific alert events by said alert proxy, wherein translating includes using the obtained identifier to reference an event description file.

16. (Amended) In a server, a method comprising:

receiving detected alert events of a client device from an integrated platform independent agent of the client device, in a platform independent manner complemented with a platform type;

obtaining an identifier from the received detected alert events; and

translating said received alert events to platform specific alert events wherein translating includes using the obtained identifier to reference an event description file.

25. (Amended) An apparatus comprising logic to:

receive detected alert events of a device from an integrated platform independent agent device in a platform independent manner complemented with a platform type;

obtain an identifier from the received detected alert events; and

translate said received alert events to platform specific alert events wherein translating includes using the obtained identifier to reference an event description file.

27. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a machine readable medium having a plurality of machine readable instructions stored thereon, wherein when the instructions are executed by a processor, the instructions subscribe the processor to:

receive detected alert events of a device from an integrated platform independent agent device in a platform independent manner complemented with a platform type;

parsing the received detected alert event according to an encapsulation protocol;

assigning values obtained by parsing the data packet to predetermined variables; and

translate said received alert events to platform specific alert events, wherein translating includes comparing the assigned values to an event description file to determine platform specific alert information.

28. (Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 27, wherein said instructions further subscribe the processor to [translate said received alert events to platform specific alert events by referencing a description data file using said platform type] report a plain text description corresponding to the alert event.

29. (Amended) A system comprising:

a computing device having a management application and an alert proxy, the alert proxy to translate command data received from the management application into device-specific control data wherein translating includes determining an identifier and using the identifier to reference an event description file; and

an other computing device coupled to the computing device having a platform-independent alert detection element to report detected alert events to the computing device.

32. (New). A method comprising:

receiving a data packet containing an alert message;

parsing the data according to an encapsulation protocol;

assigning values obtained by parsing the data packet to predetermined variables; and

comparing the assigned values to an event description file to determine platform specific alert information.

33. (New). The method of claim 32 wherein comparing the assigned values further includes determining whether the alert message describes a simple event, a compound event, or a software event.

34. (New). The method of claim 33 further comprising, reporting a plain text description corresponding to the alert event.

35. (New). The method of claim 32, wherein assigning values obtained by parsing the data packet further comprises obtaining an identifier to identify a platform type corresponding to the alert message.